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1. HUNGARY PUBLISHES RELATIVELY COMPLETE DATA CONCERNING ITS TRADE WITH ALBANIA. FOREIGN TRADE TOTALS APPEAR QUARTERLY IN SUPPLEMENT TO MONTHLY STATISTICAL BULLETIN AND FOREIGN TRADE YEARBOOK GIVES BREAKDOWN BY PRODUCT AND BY COUNTRY.

2. TRADE WITH ALBANIA (AS OPPOSED TO CHINA AND YUGOSLAVIA, OTHER COMMUNIST NON-CEMA MEMBERS) MOST LIKELY TAKES PLACE IN CLEARING RUBLES. FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS FOR 1975, FOR INSTANCE, REFLECT PURCHASE FROM ALBANIA OF A ROLLING MILL PROCESS FOR RUBLES, AND SALE TO ALBANIA OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE (ALSO FOR RUBLES).

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3. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THESE TWO TRANSACTIONS MOST CONVENIENT SUMMARY IS FOREIGN TRADE YEARBOOK, TABLE 39 (LISTING BY COUNTRY BY PRODUCT). EMBASSY POUCHING RELEVANT PAGES FOR 1975 (IN HUNGARY) TO DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY PARIS. HUNGARIAN EXPORTS WERE 80.147 MILLION DEVISA FORINTS (6.15 MILLION RUBLES), HUNGARIAN IMPORTS 137.092 MILLION DEVISA FORINTS (10.5 MILLION

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RUBLES). (NOTE: DURING 1975 HUNGARY'S FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS WERE DENOMINATED IN DEVISA FORINTS; 1 RUBLE EQUALLED 13.04 FORINTS. THIS ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE WAS CHANGED IN 1976.)
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